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World-Wide Ticker

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SYDNEY. from PETER HARVEY

Zell Rabin, the 34-year-old editor of the mass-circulation Sydney 'Daily Mirror' died in hospital Nov. 13 with cancer of the brain. One of the most brilliant journalists this country has produced, Zell was well-known to scores of OPCers. From the middle '50's until 1963, when he returned to Sydney to take over the editorship of the Mirror, Rabin was London and later, New York bureau chief for, firstly, The Sydney Morning Herald and, finally, The Mirror. During these tours of duty in New York and London, he roamed Europe and the Middle East for his Australian papers, filing from almost every country. He was married to a New York girl - a marriage that produced one boy and ended in a divorce. His former wife and son are now living in the US. Zell, a hard-driving, extremely likeable man, is sadly missed - both as a man and a journalist.

Arriving in Sydney this week to set up his organization's Pacific Bureau is Takamori Ateba, of NHK - Japan Radio/TV.

OPC'er **Tillman Durdin**, Pacific Bureau Chief for The New York Times, flew from Sydney to New Zealand to cover that country's upcoming national elections... in addition to covering the Aussie Federal elections with Charles Bernard and Brian Dewhurst of UPI; **Don Tait** of AP; your correspondent and a dozen or more Sydney-based newsmen.

Don Moser, Time's Hong Kong bureau head, and George Rich, New Zealand-born Life photographer, arrived here to begin work on story on Aussie Outback. On hand to greet them were Ken Gouldthorpe, Life's newly-appointed Pacific bureau chief, and Ernie Shirley, Time's

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DOCKS ARE NEGLECTED FACET OF VIET COVERAGE: GLEASON

By ED EDWIN

The journalistic inconsistency of past focussing on American labor corruption while giving relatively scant coverage to pilferage and diversion of cargoes in Viet Nam was pointed to by Thomas W. (Ted) Gleason, International Longshoremen's Association President, in an exclusive interview with *The Bulletin*.

"Newsmen are doing a marvelous job as war correspondents," he said. "But I don't think reporters are covering the (Vietnamese) dock areas so well. There's more interest in combat than in pilferage. And there are not enough Saigon-based newsmen who know what's going on in this field."

Gleason is in a position to understand the mechanics of corruption and the value of investigative reporting. In 1953, the ILA was expelled from the AFL-CIO because of racketeers and Communists. After an internal struggle

cleansed it, the union was reinstated by the AFL-CIO in 1959. Gleason emerged as chief.

"A new breed of labor leader" was how OPC President *Victor Riesel* introduced him to a newsmaker luncheon. "Of all the years that I've covered Teddy Gleason - and there were years that coverage got tense - I never met a man of such courage in changing the image of an industry."

Later Gleason privately recalled how tough Riesel could be in his reporting, "but he was always honest and fair." Riesel, he also noted, covered the positive as well as negative in labor affairs. The accolade was poignant. For generally the ILA and other unions received heavy exposure of what was derogatory and slight of what was praiseworthy. "The later good things were not getting into the press," Gleason told *The Bulletin*. He did not fault labor reporters

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Following his talk, ILA President Thomas W. (Ted) Gleason talks with reporters and visitors. OPC President Victor Riesel stands nearby.

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OPC BULLETIN TO TAKE ITS OWN 'TOP TEN' POLL

The Bulletin plans to publish its own "top ten stories" list early in 1967.

Principal difference between *The Bulletin's* list and those released by news services is that it will reflect the vantage point of overseas correspondents rather than editors back home.

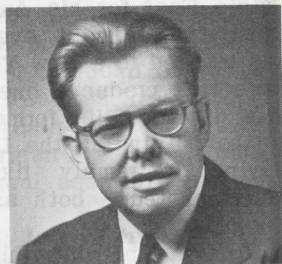
The new listing will result from a polling of the OPC's overseas membership. Polling forms went out last week to these members.

Another distinguishing feature in the poll is that it will allow the correspondents to note major news trends coming up in 1967.

The poll was organized by *The Bulletin's* three chairmen — Alton Kastner, David Resnick and Lawrence Stessin. In the polling letter, they observed that overseas membership represents top people from all media. "The overseas correspondents of the OPC are highly qualified to make judgements of this kind," they said of the poll project.

Russ Anderson to Plan Flight's London Party

Russell F. Anderson, director of European Operations, editor and publisher of International Management, McGraw-Hill Inc., again will serve as chairman of the reception in London for OPC Charter Fliers and London-based members. The probable date for the event is Saturday, June 17, 1967. It will be the group's sixth London party, of which



Anderson

Anderson has served as chairman four times.

Early in 1967, flight members will receive *Travel Tips*, comprehensive booklets on many countries they may visit. These publications (which sell for \$.50 each) will be sent gratis through the cooperation of Gordon Gilmore, TWA vice president. Madeline D. Ross, chairman of Charter Travel, noted that Brussels is not only the Common Market base but within easy reach of other capitals. By air London is an hour away, Paris an hour and ten minutes; by rail one can reach Paris, Amsterdam or Cologne in 2½ hours.

Members planning a work/holiday trip
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NEW YORK SCENE

Miss Skinner and 'Plays for Living'

Mon., Nov. 28 — "Plays for Living" presentation of "Lady on the Rocks" with an Equity Players cast. Introduction by famous author-actress Cornelia Otis Skinner. Cocktails, 5 p.m.; play presentation, 5:30.

The play Miss Skinner will introduce for its Club performance deals with alcoholism — one of a series of playlets on social problems presented by the Plays for Living Committee, of which Miss Skinner is vice chairman. Written by Elizabeth Blake, the sketch is produced by the Family Service Association of America with cooperation with the National Council on Alcoholism.

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Wed., Nov. 30 — Opening of exhibit of new three-dimensional printing process which makes reproduction of 3-D photography possible. Developed through Cowles Communications. Discussion by Look editor William Attwood and others. Cocktails 5:30, dinner 7 p.m. (Date changed from Nov. 17.)

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Thurs., Dec. 8 — Book Fair, 5 p.m. Books by OPC authors, available at bargain prices in time for Christmas.

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Vacations Nova Scotia Dinner Prizes

Wed., Dec. 14 — Nova Scotia Regional Dinner, with Nova Scotia Premier Robert L. Stanfield. 6:30 cocktails, 7:30 dinner.

After initial tastes of Nova Scotia at this OPC dinner, two lucky people will get to see for themselves the picturesque province settled by John Cabot only five years after Columbus discovered America. They'll be winners of very special door prizes — one-week summer vacations for two. One prize will be at Nova Scotia's famed Keltic Lodge in Cape Breton Island, set against a background of spectacular Cabot Trail scenery of sea and steep cliffs. (The prize includes round trip air transportation.) Another prize is a similar vacation for two at another Nova Scotia resort, the Digby Pines, which has the highest tides in the world.

As for the dinner itself, hosts promise succulent Nova Scotian lobsters flown in the same day with ample "seconds" available. The menu will be complemented by Nova Scotian beer and special Christmas Maritime Punch.

As noted last week, Nova Scotia's Premier Robert L. Stanfield will be a special guest.

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Tues., Dec. 20 — Children's Christmas Party. 4-6 p.m.

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Tues., Dec. 20 — Bistro International Christmas Cocktail Party. Entertainment. Special Christmas Dinner available. 6 p.m. (Reservations, please.)

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.

NEWS NOTES

CUSTOM HOUSE CLEAN-UP RESULTS FROM OPCers' COMPLAINTS

Bulletin Buenos Aires correspondent Percy Forster reports that there has been a clean-up in the Custom House at Ezeiza International Airport, partially due to complaints from OPC members who visited in Buenos Aires in August.

Forster took their complaints back to authorities after a New York visit. He said that future arrivals will be treated with full courtesy by new per-

sonnel under supervision of retired officers.

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KALTENBORN GRANT

The first annual H.V. Kaltenborn scholarship in radio and television was awarded at Hofstra University this month. Taking part in the presentation at the Holland House on Hofstra's Long Island campus were Mrs. H.V. Kaltenborn and Rolf Kaltenborn, wife and son of the late commentator.

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GLEASON (Cont'd from page 1)

directly, but said that "editors print labor news when there's not much news." The OPC appearance pleased him, though. "Today," he remarked, "I received more coverage for the union than ever before."

Image-arousing phraseology, sharpened by anecdotes and observations of the human condition, characterized the labor leader's talk. One reporter, not at the lunch, sought a subsequent interview with the comment: "Mr. Gleason, I didn't hear you, but I read all your speech."

To which Gleason rejoined, laughingly: "But I didn't use the text at all!"

The extraordinary attentiveness of the OPC audience was the measure of his good judgement in reporting on his three missions to Viet Nam just as he told it to men in the hiring hall — or to government bureaucrats, with whom he also has waged combat. Lunch participants listened, not because Gleason is a reputed celebrity, but because he had a message and because of his nonsense, and salty, fashion of articulating. Larded into his presentation were leads for several good stories on the logistics dimension of the Vietnamese conflict.

"When I first arrived in Viet Nam," he recounted, "the place was a complete mess. Ships were backed up to Hong Kong, Manila, and Okinawa. There was something absolutely wrong as far as security was concerned. There had to be absolute collusion among checkers, customs agents, and truckers."

(Recently an Associated Press survey concluded that as much as 20 to 40 per cent of the aid budget was being diverted. Three days after Gleason's OPC speech, senior American aid officials put the figure at 5 to 6 per cent, but conceded diversions as high as 20 to 40 per cent in some areas.)

One technique of illicit funnelling described by Gleason, is "checking supplies short against the ship." As items are unloaded, they are listed as not arriving, and, on paper, originating ports and their longshoremen, such as in the United States, appear culpable.

"Also, there are plenty of dedicated Viet Cong in Saigon," Gleason stated, suggesting that they had infiltrated the truckers. "There has to be somebody directing this (large-scale diversion)."

What is needed on the docks, the ILA leader told *The Bulletin*, is one or two investigative reporters, whose editors keep them with their contacts. Their ex-

poses "would bring pressures" where they count, he said.

Perils confronting such logistical probing were not discounted by this seasoned in-fighter. "The many assassinations" were alluded to as "a way of life", indulged in by some of those whose "toes you step on" in Viet Nam.

(This need for investigative reporting, with its supreme jeopardy, brings to memory the case of George Polk during the Greek guerilla war. His prying for the truth in an atmosphere of terror and corruption caused his death beyond the combat zone. But his murder also pointed up how crucial were civil control problems.)

Gleason's cause, demanding rationalization of cargo distribution, has also

HARRIMAN'S 75th

Luncheon speaker Ted Gleason joined the OPC in sending congratulations to *Averill Harriman* on his 75th birthday, which occurred the day of the luncheon.

In a telegrammed greeting, OPC President *Victor Riesel* and Luncheon Chairman *James Sheldon* expressed congratulations to Harriman on behalf of the Club and Gleason. "May you travel safely everywhere in the world until with your help peace and liberty are established on every continent."

been fought on terrain of the bureaucrats, from Washington to Saigon.

"First we had to overcome resistance of our own people in government, who were reluctant to take any advice," Gleason revealed. "Some didn't like the unions. They tried in every single instance to argue against us. Once we threatened to pull out our men and report the reasons why to the President."

However, the American labor attache, "whom I took to the docks every morning at 6 a.m.," Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, and Premier Ky were esteemed.

Proposed solutions to the dock problems were set forth in *Reports and Recommendations of Viet Nam Missions*, copies of which the ILA distributed to lunch participants.

"After hearing the story of corruption on the waterfront," Riesel responded angrily later, "— this is what the OPC can pledge you: We will have a committee go to Washington, and we will publish your story in *The Bulletin*. Teddy, your words are not wasted here."

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By JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON — Joe Laitin is now the "crusader", a title Bill D. Moyers, Presidential Press Secretary, gave the former Assistant Press Secretary after he secretly "cased" Cam Ranh Bay, Viet Nam, for President Johnson's surprise visit. Oct. 26.

Laitin returned to his Executive Office Building's desk as Assistant to Charles L. Schultze, Bureau of the Budget Director in June.

He was asleep at his suburban Maryland home when awakened by a 2 a.m. telephone call from Hal Pachios, Assistant to Moyers in Honolulu.

Moyers asked Laitin to fly immediately to Honolulu to help him prepare for President Johnson's visit on Oct. 17.

In Honolulu, Moyers asked Laitin to "case" Pago Pago, Samoa Islands. From there he was sent to Manila, where he had reported for Reuters News Agency during and following World War II.

Among the many locations Laitin checked was Corregidor, where American and Filipino troops were imprisoned by the Japanese from May 6, 1942 to Feb. 16, 1945.

Moyers called Laitin in his Manila Hotel room at 2 a.m., Oct. 26, asking him to "case" Cam Ranh Bay.

Press transportation arrangements to Corregidor and Los Banos by boat and bus were kept on schedule to avoid speculation by the press.

Sixty-seven members of the press were asked to report to the American Embassy on Dewey Boulevard, across from the Manila Hotel at 9 a.m. Here they were stripped of identification, and held incommunicado for hours, then rushed out the back door to the airport at Sangley Point to board Pan American's 707. This plane was used instead of the TWA's 707 because they fly in and out of Saigon.



DOWN UNDER: This maze of coffee cups, typewriters, and papers shows the press corps in action at a press center in Saigon. (Photo from Peter Harvey)

(D) CRUSADER' TAKES A SECRET TRIP FOR LBJ

Laitin was told to meet Gen. William Westmoreland, Commanding General, MACV, in the lobby at 7 a.m.

He approached Capt. Bill Carpenter, aide to the General, stating, "tell Gen. Westmoreland I am the man who is supposed to accompany him."

Carpenter replied, "to the airport," and Laitin answered, "that will do."

The Presidential aide heard someone remark he was a correspondent.

Ten minutes later two plainclothesmen approached Laitin and asked for his identification. After showing their "IDs", Joe pulled out his Presidential credentials. They walked away.

Two minutes later the General walked through the lobby.

Laitin quickened his step and said, "I'm the man supposed to accompany you."

Westmoreland turned to Carpenter: "I'll have to 'bump' you off the plane."

As they drove to the Manila International Airport, Westmoreland and Laitin were "reading each other."

When they boarded the four-seat jet plane, Carpenter has "bumped" someone else.

A half hour after takeoff Westmoreland told the pilot to change the landing from Saigon to Cam Ranh Bay.

Arriving there, Westmoreland's staff was awaiting him. "A distinguished visitor will visit us within four days," he said. "He might be as high as Secretary Rusk. It might be tomorrow or two days from now but we'll have a dry run at 4:30 p.m. — a perfect dry run."

Joe was terribly uncomfortable being the only civilian there.

The general asked for an honor guard. The base commander said he had a good officer but he was tall. Joe broke the ice saying, "as long as he isn't over six feet three, he will do."

Needing to advise Moyers everything was secure, Joe was flown by Westmoreland to Saigon to make a top secret call.

Unable to reach Moyers he left a coded message with Pachios that all was "A-OK."

Returning to Cam Ranh Bay from Saigon, Laitin was informed a NBC reporter and two cameramen were waiting to land, and asked his advice. He allowed them to land.

After Westmoreland's plane landed, Joe asked NBC's Howard Tuckner why he was there, who replied "we have been tipped off someone big is arriving."

Then Laitin told him LBJ was coming and that there would be no outgoing calls for two hours after his departure. When Tuckner was told that anything he recorded would be "pooled," he consented providing he could have a three-minute interview with the President.

Laitin told him he was giving orders and that any film shot would be taken to Manila for he had to protect ABC-CBS-NBC reporters and technicians traveling on the press plane.

As the press plane landed, with the 'locked up press' Moyers stated, "the first face you will see will be Joe Laitin, the Crusader."

"When the Commander-in-Chief of the United States got off Air Force One it took the troops minutes to believe it was the President. They saw but didn't believe it was he," Laitin said.

"The Pan Am 707 was the first plane to land on the new air strip runway, and Air Force One was the second plane. I believe it was the first time President Johnson has landed without pilots first casing the landing strip, and no advance visit by the Secret Service.

"This indicates the tight security Westmoreland maintains in Viet Nam," continued Laitin.

Of the advance, Laitin says, "I haven't worked so frantically since the Honolulu conference when President Johnson decided to send Vice President Hubert Humphrey to Viet Nam and the Philippines."

That was another early morning call to Laitin in Washington to fly with Humphrey to Los Angeles to meet the President for a briefing before continuing on to the Far East.

Of the "secret" trip, Laitin says, "it was master-minded by Bill Moyers. On the basis of his handling of this he could produce an Alfred Hitchcock movie."

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counterpart. Both are based in Sydney.

As soon as President Johnson jetted off to Manila and Washington most Pacific bureau men were off on the campaign trail again, this time covering the Nov. 26 Federal elections, possibly Australia's most important ever. Since Sir Robert Gordon Menzie's retirement last February, Harold Holt, a newcomer to the Big Chair in Canberra, has been steadily leading Australia towards deeper involvement in Asia and closer ties with US. If Holt's Liberal Party beats Arthur Calwell's Labor Party, as seems likely, Australia's moves toward 'Asian nationhood' and its alliance with Washington are certain to take on greater emphasis.

ADDIS ABABA.....

from ANDREW BOROWIEC

American correspondents, like African chiefs of state, are losing interest in the continent's top-level conferences. The latest African summit meeting in Addis Ababa attracted only 17 out of 38 African head of state. The US daily press was represented by Thomas Fenton, Rome-based Africa-Middle East correspondent of the Baltimore Sun; Tom Brady of The New York Times and this correspondent covering for The Washington Star. Claire Sterling came from her Accra base for The Reporter magazine. Mike Keats covered for UPI and the AP file was handled by East Africa

Correspondent Dennis Neeld. Those absent were right: the summit produced little hard news indeed. But it provided more insight into African squabbles and problems and countless anecdotes to take back. Newsmen were billeted in the decrepit Itegue Hotel where the late Evelyn Waugh wrote his Scoop. Night life was seriously hampered by the odd working hours of the African dignitaries who somehow cannot discuss their problems in daylight. Nevertheless some ardent aficionados of feminine charm managed to renew contact with Ethiopian ladies, famous for their beauty and health hazards.

LISBON... from HOWARD A. WHITE

Checking in to cover EFTA meeting at Cascais were Clyde Farnsworth, NY Times, Brussels; Harold Milks, AP Madrid; Bernard Nossiter, Washington Post and LA Times, Paris, and Curtis G. Pepper, Newsweek. Marvin Howe, Time-Life and NY Times, and Dennis Redmont, AP, only two resident American correspondents, were busy helping the visitors who were invited by US Ambassador William Tapley Bennett for drinks... Other recent visitors were Dennis McEvoy, general European editorial representative for Reader's Digest, and Andrew Borowiec, Washington Star, enroute to Angola and Mozambique... Edouard Khavessian, recently of London, settled here as UPI bureau chief.

Letters

WHITHER OPC?

I note Mr. Riesel's fighting defense of the need for the new dues increase. I also note, with interest, his plea that "we welcome all members to participate actively" in OPC deliberations.

As to the first point, Mr. Riesel might have stressed the true facts of the OPC financial mess — that, in effect, this is due, not to "inflation," but to the massive real-estate boondoggle of previous administrations which launched the Club on to this West 40th Street white elephant from which, like the Administration in Viet Nam, the Club is now painfully trying to extricate itself.

As far as "all members" participating in Club endeavors, just how can this be accomplished under the current archaic rule set-up? At this time, many members of the Club are relegated to an "associate" second-class status which gives them neither vote nor voice in

their organization. And this, despite the fact that "associate" dues are the same as "actives."

I would suggest to Mr. Riesel that if his concern with the Club at home is equal to his zeal for developing the overseas image of the OPC, and I am sure it is, then perhaps it might be in order to consider getting "out from under" the Club's financial treadmill.

This could be done by researching lesser-priced real estate and eventually unloading the present headquarters to purchasers who could successfully maintain it.

I would submit that all the OPC needs is a clubhouse, not a hotel or meeting rental operation which, in the final analysis, defeats the basic premise of the Club as an association primarily dedicated to its membership.

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NEWS NOTES (Cont'd from page 3)

CALL FOR BERLIN-BASED WAR CORRESPONDENTS

The West Berlin Office of the German Federal Republic Press Office is asking all American correspondents who were stationed in Berlin for their media, whether newspaper or radio, between the periods of the two World Wars (1920 through 1943) to communicate with the press office in Berlin.

They also would be grateful if those writing might suggest names of other correspondents they knew to be stationed in Berlin during this time.

Correspondence should be directed to H.J. Funke, Bundespresseamt Berlin, Berlin 30, Europa Center.

Flight (Cont'd from page 2)

to Europe are urged to participate in this specially planned Club project. The flight leaves New York for Brussels on May 17 and returns from London (stopping at Shannon) to New York on June 18, via TWA Intercontinental Jet. Tab for the round trip fare is \$285; a \$10 per seat non-refundable registration fee should be made payable to OPC Charter Travel.

MENDITTO RECOVERING

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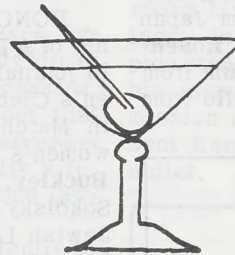
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By BETTY ETTER

ON THE GO: Researching his new book for Little, Brown and Company, **Hugh W. Swofford** recently flew 22 hours with the USAF Hurricane Hunter around the east end of Cuba in search of Killer Hurricane Inez . . . **Arthur Holzman** back from Navy duty at the South Pole after thawing out at Pago Pago and Honolulu from the -60C temperature . . . **Dirck** and **Betsy Halstead** back from two years in Viet Nam, where he was photo chief for UPI and she was a reporter. In New York Dirck will be working out of the photo bureau while Betsy is busy on a book about their experiences . . . Mr. and Mrs. **Edward L. Bernays** back in Cambridge, Mass., after a five-month stay in London, in time to celebrate their 75th birthdays. While in London the veteran public relations man launched a \$5000 award competition for the best plan to further understanding between the British and American people. Open to OPC Foundation members, details obtainable from 7 Lowell Street, Cambridge 38, Mass. . . . **Lin Root** back from Oak Ridge via Cape Kennedy and the Gemini 12 launching sporting a scarf clip, a model of Gemini, as a memento. . . . **B. Wierzbianski**, Economic News and Research-Foreign News Service, back from Rome, Milan, Zurich and Munich on agency business . . . **Henry Shapiro** and his wife Ludmilla stopped in San Francisco recently to visit their daughter before going on to Hawaii, where Henry and San Francisco-based **Robin Kincaid** talked over the old days, agreeing that the new ones are better.

CHECKING IN: **Joseph Fleming** from Germany . . . **Gene Zenier** from Japan and the Far East . . . **Morris W. Rosenberg** from Mexico . . . **Conrad Fink** from India . . . **Graciela Levi Castillo** from Ecuador.

NO FISHING FOR A SOLUTION HERE

The new ruling for US Catholics, revoking the prohibition of meat on Fridays except during the lenten period, is of special interest to OPC, it is pointed out by past President **Burnet Hershey**. Hershey, who has played an important part in the arrangements for most of the Club's annual dinners during the past 20 years, notes the new ruling automatically will solve the problem of a choice between filet mignon and filet of sole.

NEW POSTS: **Ron Nessen**, NBC news correspondent who returned recently from Viet Nam, is replacing Dean Brelis as anchorman on "Viet Nam Weekly Review" beginning Nov. 19. He will also take over as anchorman on the "Today" show's "Viet Nam Report" on NBC-TV. . . . **Thomas H. Wolf** named to the newly-created position of vice-president and director of television documentary programs for ABC news . . . **Paul Mason**, news director at WSKY, Asheville, N.C., to KYW Newsradio, Philadelphia, as news correlator. KYW is one of two all-news stations of Westinghouse Broadcasting.

BOOKS: Harper & Row is publishing on Dec. 7 "The Great Merchants" by **Tom Mahoney** and **Leonard Sloane**. It tells the stories of 22 big retail enterprises and is the December selection of the Kiplinger Book Club . . . **Henry J. Taylor's** "Men and Moments" out via Random House. His seventh book, it's compiled from his newspaper columns.

ARTICLES: **Malcolm Browne's** review of two new books on Viet Nam occupied page 1 of the Book Review section of the World-Journal-Tribune Nov. 20.

RADIO & TV: **Matthew Bassity** guesting on **Duncan MacDonald's** WQXR program on Nov. 28 to discuss his new book on roses . . . **Jerry Robinson** on the Joe Franklin (WOR) show. Fawcett is publishing his "Flubs & Fluffs" in a paperback edition . . . **Art Buchwald** guested with Mike Douglas on Nov. 25.

HONORS: **Rosalind Massow** was winner of a Front Page Award for excellence in journalism by the NY Newspaper Women's Club. Her "Inside a Geisha House" in March 27 Parade was judged "best women's page feature." . . . **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, receiving a George E. Sokolsky Public Service Award from the Jewish League Against Communism. . . . In a City Hall ceremony on Nov. 18, **Edward Robb Ellis** presented a copy of his book, "The Epic of New York City," to Mayor John Lindsay and that evening telecast a five-minute documentary based on the book on NBC-TV's Sixth Hour News . . . **William F. Bland** of Petro Chemical News re-elected a member of the board of the Association of Petroleum Writers . . . **J. Laurence Day**, former UPI correspondent in Buenos Aires, received a Ph.D. at the U. of Minnesota last summer and has joined the faculty of the William Allen White School of Journalism at Kansas U. . . . The Uni-



AT ANN ARBOR: University of Michigan President Harlan Hatcher (right) presents Stanley M. Swinton with a Distinguished Achievement Award at Hill Auditorium on campus recently. The AP Assistant Manager and Director of World Services was cited by Hatcher as "a writer whose prose attained the Aristotelian criteria of clarity, correctness and appropriateness." Swinton, a 1940 graduate, delivered a series of talks to journalism and writing students and faculty while on campus.

versity of Oregon Library is setting up a special scholar's research section for the explorations and collected literary files of **Harrison Forman**, including notebooks, diaries, correspondence and original typescripts of his cabled dispatches, magazine articles, books and other published materials. When inventoried and catalogued, the collection will be reported through the National Union Catalog of Manuscripts established by the Library of Congress.

SPEAKERS: **Clayton Willis**, recently returned from his second trip to Viet Nam and his third trip around the world, will give two lectures Feb. 18 to the Greenwich (Conn.) Country Day School. Subjects: "The Viet Nam War" and "Changes in the Kremlin." . . . **M.D. Morris** at the University of South Carolina to give 11 lectures on "China at the Close of World War II." . . . **Victor H. Lawn** spoke to the Essex County Association of Insurance Women, Gloucester, Mass., at its October meeting.

SEEN AT THE BAR: actress **Celeste Holm**.

BORN: To Mr. and Mrs. **Merrill Mueller**, a son, Kevin, on Oct. 22 . . . to Mr. and Mrs. **H. Denny Davis** (UPI Rio de Janeiro) a son, Thomas Shackelford, on Nov. 6, at Brunswick, Maine.